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## VOTERS WILL CALL BLUFF OF SPECIAL INTERESTS ON ELECTION DAY

One week from tomorrow, fellow citizens, we go to the polls to decide whether our beloved Hawaii is to be governed by the people or to be ruled by King Sugar and his hired court.

If each man, for love of country, for the protection of his home and the happiness of his loved ones, will cast his ballot strictly according to his conscience, a tremendous victory will be won by the Democratic party. Such a victory will mean the overthrow of the Republican party that has for so long kept the Hawaiians from their rights and that has, ever since these Islands became a Territory of the United States, made the poor man poorer still and the rich man still more rich.

### ■ Republicans Discourage Good Labor.

The Republican party, through false representation, threats, smooth talk and by spending great sums of money, has for ten years suppressed and oppressed the workingman and the humble mechanic. The Republican party has discouraged thousands of workingmen, who were willing to remain here with their families and spend all their money here, and has forced them to return to the mainland or to seek employment in the Philippines or other parts, for the reason that this same Republican power has put a scourge upon this fair land in the shape of undesirable immigrants like the Porto Ricans and the Russians and the Filipinos whose cheap labor drives away all chance of our own people finding employment whereby they might support their families.

### ■ Party Without a Conscience.

Not satisfied with what has already been done to make the people suffer, this same Republican party, whose soul is a mixture of sugar and brimstone, and which has no conscience, now wants to fling upon Hawaii thousands of undesirables and to make them work at starvation wages on the sugar plantations, so that there will not be any chance of Hawaiians and others getting good wages on the plantations; so that soon the Portuguese and others now trying to make a living on sugar estates will be driven out to make room for cheaper help.

It has been said, and it is true, that sugar is the soul of the Republican party. It has been said, and it is true, that the sugar industry in Hawaii is a solid combination that has, year by year, become more like a great devil-fish, a monster squid, a huge octopus whose tentacles reach out in every direction, grasping greedily at almost every institution in Hawaii and crushing the heart's blood out of all that is most important to the happiness of the people of this land.

### ■ Sitting on the Press.

One great, writhing, powerful, snake-like arm holds the newspapers in a relentless grasp, squeezing out courage, honesty and all ideals, for if the papers should dare say anything against the methods employed by the sugar ring, which is another name for the Republican party, those papers would be

promptly suppressed; the corporations supported by the sugar interests would at once take away their advertising from the newspapers and the papers would have no money to keep going. It is a remarkable thing that a town of fifty thousand inhabitants should have three English daily newspapers all of which are Republican. And why are they all Republican? Because they are all supported by sugar. The plantations control a great proportion of the business of this city; they control directly or indirectly the smothered newspapers; they control the wealth of Hawaii; they control the best lands of the islands; they control the government of this Territory to an alarming extent at present, BUT THEY CANNOT CONTROL YOUR VOTE!

We no longer exist under a monarchical form of government where we have no say in governing. We can have a very great say in the government of Hawaii if we will capture the ballot box on November 8 by the majority of our voters. By voting the Democratic ticket we will defeat the ring that has for so long kept the man of small or moderate means from his full rights to the enjoyment of life, fair wages and prosperity.

### ■ Bluffs Won't Work.

Many voters are being terrified into promising to vote the Republican ticket, for it is hinted or even threatened that they will lose their jobs if they do not vote the way their employers tell them to vote.

DON'T TAKE ANY BLUFF, but vote according to your own conscience. Remember this: if every Democratic voter in your employer's firm was to lose his job your employer would have to close up his business. He can't fire you all, and he won't fire you, anyway. When election is over he will have no object in firing you from your job. He is only bluffing when he hints that unless you vote the Republican ticket he intends to fire you. It is not his business how you vote. That is between you and your conscience. And, after all, if you vote the Democratic ticket you will vote for your employer's best interests, for you will be voting against the Republican policy of assisted immigration.

KILL ASSISTED IMMIGRATION!  
KEEP OUT THE PAUPER PLANTATION LABORERS AND FORCE THE PLANTATIONS TO PAY HONEST LIVING WAGES TO PEOPLE ALREADY HERE, SO THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MONEY IN CIRCULATION AND CONSEQUENTLY MORE BUSINESS IN ALL LINES, INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE PLANTERS TO SWELL THEIR MONEY PILES BY THE SWEAT OF SLAVES.

### ■ Rich Men Have Enough.

Is it not better that the plantations be compelled to pay higher wages among those people now here, to Hawaiians, to Portuguese or to any people now here who are willing to work on the plantations at a decent wage, so that the money benefit all, than for the sugar barons to keep on amassing

wealth to hoard it up for future sugar barons, their children, or to spend it in luxurious traveling about the world, or to invest it abroad, or to put it into more plantations, which will mean that they will want more assisted immigration to work those new plantations?

Think seriously about these things for yourself, instead of taking the flowery language of Republican candidates who are working for the sugar interests and have to stand by them or be bounced off the ticket.

Should the laborer's wages be raised to a living standard, or should the already over-rich sugar barons continue to increase their fat dividends?

This sugar-Republican squid we have been talking about has one of his giant pneumatic-holders on the Territorial government. The Republican party is in power and the Republican party is the sugar party. Sugar dictates the policy of the party and the party dictates the policy of the government. There we have a direct connection. Sugar dictates the policy of the government of Hawaii.

The Republicans, if you will talk to them, give as excuse that sugar is the main industry and has made these Islands prosperous and therefore sugar should be protected and therefore sugar should have assisted immigration and pretty near anything else its wants.

Suppose sugar is the main industry, what has that to do with allowing the main industry to run amuck with a swelled head and try to make this Territory a poorhouse, just so the sugar interests might fatten?

### ■ Assisted Immigration Unnecessary

The sugar industry in these Islands is able to take care of itself. It is on a firm financial foundation and is rich beyond the needs of successful operation and big profits. It is in a condition to double wages or at least to very materially raise wages; it is in a condition to make co-operative propositions to laborers; it is in a condition to continue making good profits and at the same time to greatly assist thousands here willing to take the place of coolie labor at a fair remuneration.

So sugar sits in the high places of this land, in the offices of government, and it influences our conditions, forcing on the workingmen the cheap competition of coolies who leave the plantations and whose places are sought to be filled by Filipinos.

How long are we Hawaiians going to stand this tyranny of sugar?

We don't have to stand it.

One week from tomorrow we can pull King Sugar from his throne and make him a private citizen, if he behaves himself as worthy of private citizenship, for we will have no king where the people have the right to rule.

Vote with the people and for the people. Sugar can take care of itself. The sooner we are free from Republican bossism the sooner we'll be happy.

The Democrats of the Twelfth Precinct of the Fourth District will meet at 7 o'clock this evening at the clubhouse.

## BE ON GUARD AGAINST REPUBLICAN FAKES

Yesterday the Advertiser made its usual mid-campaign announcement to the effect that its readers should be on guard against canards which might be sprung toward the end of the political campaign with a view to defeating the Advertiser Republican crowd. Dear, old-maidish Advertiser. It issues this hypocritical warning in every campaign and follows it up the next day with the most glaring misassertions it can invent.

Stand on guard against the deliberate falsifications of the Advertiser from now on, and particularly watch for some last-moment faked cable, faked wireless, or faked communication, or alleged discovery. The Advertiser lies clumsily, but lies so often that it is difficult to pick out truth from lies sometimes, for the uninformed always to distinguish between half-lies, lies, and damned lies.

Supervisor Aylett, be it remembered, made the statement in Kakaako that if the election could not be won honestly, the Republicans would steal it.

Watch the Republicans at the polls and watch the Republican runners—whither they go and what they have to say, and don't believe the ever-changing Advertiser, whose editorials are written by several, with as many objects, each object suiting the situation irrespective of what the policy was yesterday or what it will be tomorrow.

## WATCH THE LAND OFFICE

Of two applications filed with the Land Office for the opening of a certain tract of land now leased to the Waianae plantation, one was by twenty applicants, mostly plantation employees, under the form of a settlement association. The other was signed by thirty applicants, chiefly natives of the place. The first was illegal, not having complied with the law recently passed by Congress, and, furthermore, it is decidedly against the government's policy to recognize settlement associations. But the surveyor is now on the ground plotting the land, and it is claimed by certain knowing ones that the cane-growing portion of the land is for the settlement association, while the rocky and prickly-pear portions are for the people,—the devil taking the hindmost. Of a certainty, the Land Office bears watching in this case.

"Save me from my friends." This is directed to the voter, and it is up to him to save himself from his alleged, but really false, friends, the Republican Special Interests. Vote the straight Democratic ticket, both Territorial and County.

The Advertiser has not mentioned veal for a month!

The same set of planters that today stands behind the Republican party is the same that paid plantation laborers eight and ten dollars a month prior to the raising of the American Flag over these Islands. Don't forget that they are the same set that refuse to pay a living wage to the citizens of the present day.